

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMITTEE

June 9, 2014

MEETING AGENDA

ATTENDEES: Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua, Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Select Board members Ken Goslant and Brad Denny. Absent: Bob Illingworth, Bruce Wright, Jason Miles (Dynamos Soccer Rep)

CALL TO ORDER: 620 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: STUDENT PROJECT F/U: ANY NEWS? Scott had spoken with Elizabeth who was going to give final numbers for project. She was taking a class at Norwich. Heidi will email Adam and find out where it is or if she is done with it. Heidi will also ask about the pipe size for water for clarification for water source on project plans.

Ken Goslant reported that town road mapping of legal trails would be starting with mapping deadline of Feb 20 2015. TRAIL GRANT F/U: ARE WE GOING TO PURSUE OR HOPE TO TRY TO PURSUE SOME KIND OF GRANT. Discussion regarding the Vermont Transportation grants program 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Heidi read portions where eligible projects in order to get funding needed to be generally a minimum of 3 feet wide to accommodate bicyclists (but could be even 18 inches) could include sidewalks, pedestrian crossing improvements, including median pedestrian refuge islands. Discussion about the project description spoke about consideration being favorable about addressing safety concern such as locations with documented crashes involving pedestrians or bicyclists (Heidi pointed out that past accidents have happened in the falls with walkers being hit, a woman at 12 and 12 A in a wheelchair getting hit by a car several years ago and just this last winter a woman was seriously injured on Rte 12. The group discussed at length about safety and bike markings vs. sidewalks and how it impacts owners, vs. safety.) The bike path program must be completed or there is a payback provision; as part of the development process applicants would be required to sign a grant agreement with a financial responsibility for 10% of funds for completed construction; projects must have a completed scoping/feasibility study; the funding shares for the project is a 90% Federal/State and 10% local some applicants assume that their time spent on administering the project counts toward "in kind". For this grant In-kind only applies to approved donations of eligible services or materials towards the

project. Design/construction projects have a payback option that if the projects don't advance they would have to be paid back; there were other qualifying requirements for the grant like a scoping feasibility study . There were two training sessions that Sally was going to attend one of to try to have us be able to start process for this grant, but she was called out of town and other committee members unable to attend. We do not have the funding source at this point to focus on this for 10% and do not want to focus the 100% of our time on this. The bottom line of this year is that this is a yearly grant cycle and the committee feels that this grant felt portions of it could have been done during some of the street work(not to rehash old business), but if we are going to do this we will need a collaborative effort to get this done. We DO want to go forward with the bike path however in parts if we need to and we are not thinking this may cost anything at present time. We will look at power line road in the next couple months, and work with ATV group to maybe ride us on possible trail from power line for July.

OF THE PRESENTATION FROM MAY 12/MAY 5 WHAT PART ARE WE GOING FORWARD? WHO? WHAT? ACTION PERSON AND BY WHEN? Looking at coming months we know that the water and sewer lines need to be redone going to pool and up King Street. Scott mentioned we may want to repurpose the dug outs since the lines for sewer come up King Street. The Rec Committee would like to look at "plumbing" the 3rd base dugout for the restrooms of our project and possibly cement pour, even if it means we have to cap it due to cost. In addition, since we know that there needs to be some digging, does a new culvert have to go in across the parking lot? We are pretty sure there does. If that is the case, Scott will ask if there is possibility for a larger pipe to be laid down. Scott will also obtain permit. He also discussed obtaining fencing from Norwich that they are looking to dispose of for either Memorial Park, or for school.

WHERE ARE WE AT WITH BENCHES? Scott mentioned we don't need to replace the whole benches/bleachers. At the last meeting we spoke about just getting picnic tables which we will likely do still and Scott feels he can get folks to donate. Discussed the great thing about this is being able to move these to different locations for different purposes. Group discussed boxing the underside where they sit with mulch or stone. Scott feels Bleachers still need to be there. Now feels 8- 2x12 16's. with 64 bolts. He will start to replace these after June 16. The backstop to the baseball field will also be replaced (school funds) by June 20 when Frank Pecora will have his induction picture taken for Hall of Fame. The current

backstop is unsafe and the panels where past "home of champions" painted is peeled off and looks horrid. There is a possibility that on a temporary basis the base of the sign/memorial will be set for the picture and will be taken back so the back can be blasted.

NEW BUSINESS: Falls field concern about the building. Scott showed pictures of the building inside where water comes in and floods and freezes. Currently the softball teams store things in bottom of building and the town uses the electric (they meter it from the town) to plug in their loader to it). The door freezes shut. Discussion on need for solution for a: divert water with culvert b: cut back and lay drainage pipe...c. ask other solution

Pool opens June 21 and closes August 23 1230-7pm. Lessons will be offered. Shannon Palone is the director.

Group will meet July 13 for site visit at Memorial Park to look at what we can repurpose (in reference to maybe the dugout for the restroom/addition/concession vs total demolition and building. Will also walk power line at 10 am.

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2014 6pm